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## **Sanborn Will Chair Committee on Business Competitiveness**

*Sikkema names Sanborn to Chair joint House-Senate Committee*

(LANSING) – Senator Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, was named to Chair the newly formed Joint House-Senate Committee on Business Competitiveness. The committee will study and make recommendations on steps needed to attract new business investment and more good-paying jobs in Michigan.

“Taking the required steps that will help make Michigan more competitive in attracting and keeping businesses is one of the keys to economic recovery in our state,” Sanborn said. “It is especially important during these difficult economic times that we strive to make Michigan’s economy as strong as possible.”

The committee will hold six meetings throughout the state and will hear testimony on issues affecting the Michigan economy. Dates and locations will be announced in the coming weeks. The committee will be required to report their recommendations back to the legislature by September 1, 2003.

“This committee will serve as a task force examining all things, both positive and negative, that are affecting the business climate in Michigan,” Sanborn said. “Our goal will be to make legislative recommendations that will help to keep Michigan competitive with other states.”

The joint House-Senate committee will have five members each from the Senate and the House. Senator Alan Sanborn will chair the committee with Representative Clark Bisbee co-chairing. The committee will also include Senators Nancy Cassis, Laura Toy, Mark Schauer and Ray Basham; and Representatives Ken Bradstreet, Lorence Wenke, Bill McConico and Alexander Lipsey.

Sanborn is the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform, and was previously the Chairman of the House Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions. He is also a member of the Banking and Financial Services Committee, the Committee on Families and Human Services, and the Judiciary Committee.